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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ON HOUSE PASSAGE  
OF CHIP**

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, released the following statement in response to the House passage of the Children's Health Insurance Program.

"The House has voted for the most important advance in children's health in a decade and so will the Senate. After vetoing bills to end the war in Iraq and to support life-saving stem cell research, it would be outrageous for President Bush to make uninsured children the latest casualty of his veto pen."

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